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SIXTH CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL INFORMATION OFFICIALS MET

JUNE 21-22 TO DISCUSS ASPECTS NATO INFORMATION

ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS TWO- DAY DISCUSSIONS:

1. NATO INFORMATION GOALS IN A PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS:
SESSION, CHAIRED BY ASYG KASTL, DWELT LARGELY ON
INFORMATION STANCE INVOLVING CSCE, GENERALLY AGREED
PUBLIC INFORMATION STRESS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PLACED
ON THE PRECISE OBJECTIVES THE WEST WISHED TO ACHIEVE
IN CONTINUING CONTRAST TO LESS SPECIFIC ONES BEING
PURSUED BY SOVIETS AND OTHER EES. ALSO WESTERN
GOVERNMENTS SHOULD CAUTION THEIR PUBLIC OPINIONS AGAINST
TOO GREAT EXPECTATIONS WITH REGARD RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED
BY CSCE, NOTABLY IN ORDER AVOID UNDERMINING PUBLIC
SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION ALLIED DEFENSE EFFORT. CHAIRMAN
SUGGESTED THAT DUTCH CATALOGUE OF ITEMS TO EXPLAIN TO
PUBLIC WESTERN EXPECTATIONS MPT BE REVIEWED AND REVISED
AS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH BASIC INFORMATION GUIDELINES FOR
CSCE. CNIO AGREED EXPLORE IDEA.

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2. INFORMATION SERVICE ACTIVITIES 1973/74. CNIO REPS
REVIEWED ACTIVITIES AND AGREED PROGRAM SHOULD CONTINUE TO
GIVE PRIORITY TO VISITS AND OUTSIDE SPEAKING, YOUTH AND
EDUCATION AND TV/ FILMS/ RADIO IN THAT ORDER. FURTHER

INCREASE IN RESOURCES FOR VISITS PROGRAM AND COMPENSATING REDUCTION IN ALLOCATION FOR PUBLICATIONS IN GENERAL AND PERIODICAL NATO REVIEW IN PARTICULAR WERE ALSO RECOMMENDED.

3. COMMEMORATION 25 TH ANNIVERSARY AND ITS USE OF INFORMATION PURPOSES: HCNIO REPS AND KASTL NOTED ANNIVERSARY HIGHLY POLITICAL MATTER WHICH GOVERNMENTS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS MORE FULLY. GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT BEYOND MINISTERIAL OBSERVANCE, EXPECTATION WOULD BE OBSERVANCES ON NATIONAL LEVEL BASED ON NATIONAL MEED. GENERAL FEELING SEEMED TO BE THAT THEME SHOULD EMPHASIZE 25 YEARS OF PEACE AND NATO'S ROLE IN CURRENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AS OPPOSED TO STRICTLY MILITARY ASPECT.

4. COORDINATION OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL INFORMATION: CNIO CONSENSUS LED TO ENDORCEMENT INFORMATION DIRECTOR KOREN'S DESIRE THAT A " MULTIPLE APPROACH" BE ADOPTED IN NATO INFORMATION PROGRAMS. APPROACH ESSENTIALLY A TWO-PRONGED EFFORT (A) TO BRING TOGETHER ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE ELEMENTS IN EACH COUNTRY IN DEVELOPING AND CONDUCTING INFORMATION PROGRAM FOR NATO IN THAT COUNTRY, AND (B) TO ADAPT NATO'S OWN INFORMATION EFFORT, AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, TO DIFFERING REQUIREMENTS INDIVIDUAL MEMBER COUNTRIES.

5. AGREED NEXT MEETING BE SCHEDULED SOME TIME JUNE '74.

6. IN FURTHERANCE OF 4(A) ABOVE, KOREN EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PERSONAL PARTICIPATION BY HIMSELF AND SEVERAL NATO AND NATIS STAFF COLLEAGUES IN JOINT MEETING WITH ALL U. S. SOURCES OF NATO INFORMATION SUPPORT (STATE, DEFENSE, USIA, SACLANT, ATLANTIC COUNCIL), SIMILAR TO MEETING LAST FEBRUARY, TO REVIEW PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS. PREFERRED TIMING EARLY DECEMBER WHEN NATO TEAM SCHEDULED FOR U. S. SPEAKING TOUR. USDEL WELCOMED PROPOSAL AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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